

31 March 2010

2010/11 Tender timeline

In August 2009, PHARMAC proposed to bring forward the tender timeline for the 2009/10 Tender by approximately one month, and also to move the timeline for the 2010/11 Tender forward by a further month. The 2009/10 Tender was released in early December 2009 and tender submissions subsequently closed in early February 2010.

We appreciate all of the feedback that we received and recognise that preparation for the annual Multi-product tender involves a significant amount of work over a period of time for suppliers. We would therefore like to communicate the intended timelines at this stage.

The key dates and timeframes for the 2010/11 Tender are summarised in the table below:

Date	Event
Late July 2010	Consultation with suppliers, medical groups and interested parties on the proposed pharmaceutical list and draft Invitation to Tender.
Late August 2010	Final date for receipt of Alternative Commercial Proposals to tendering by PHARMAC.
Mid September 2010	Final date for all consultation to be received.
September 2010	PHARMAC considers feedback from consultation, negotiates with suppliers over any ACP proposals it considers would meet PHARMAC's Decision Criteria and enters into provisional contracts with suppliers where appropriate.
September 2010	Meeting of the Tender Medical Evaluation Subcommittee of PTAC to consider clinical issues in relation to the proposed Tender list.
September/October 2010	Consultation and Board decisions on Alternative Commercial Proposals.
Late October/ Early November 2010	Issuing of the 2010/11 Invitation to Tender.
Late December 2010	Invitation to Tender closes.

We note that moving the tender timelines forward by a further month for the 2010/11 Tender would result in shifting the tender process away from the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

More information

If you have any questions about this change, you can call our toll free number (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday) on 0800 66 00 50.